of profitable crops with the help and advice of the Agricultural Department.

Mr. H. V. Rangaswami.—There are about 5,66,000 acres of land in the possession of the Amrut Mahal Department, for 9,000 cattle. The income is Rs. 20,000 for 3 years. There is no need to have so many acres for so small a number of cows, while many cows are dying in the districts for want of grass. It is said that 1,20,000 acres of Amrut Mahal land have been surrendered. We do not know how much of it is suitable for cultivation. The raiyats should be given a chance of selecting the lands that are surrendered for cultivation. Some estimate should be made of the land required for the 9,000 cattle, and all land in excess should be given over for cultivation.

Mr. Vasudeva Rao.—All fertile lands now held by the Amrut Mahal Department should be marked and whatever is in excess of their need should be given over for cultivation.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry.—One lakh of acres are said to have been surrendered, but much of it is useless land.

Reply of Government.—Orders have issued regarding the surrender of lands by the Amrut Mahal Department, recently. If the members wish that any particular lands should be surrendered, a list of such lands may be prepared and given to the Revenue Secretary to Government. Enquiries will be made. In the selection of lands to be surrendered, local people will be consulted and, if possible, lands which they select will be given out for cultivation. Information will be obtained of the maximum requirements of the Amrut Mahal Department for their cattle, and the extent of land which they can surrender for cultivation.

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SUBJECT No. 76.

The services of Ayurvedic Pandits.

Mr. C. Sivarama Setti, Davangere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The services of Pandits who are duly trained in the Government Ayurvedic College and have been discharging their duties satisfactorily in the Local Boards and Municipalities may be made pensionable and they may be drafted to the regular Medical Service and given the status and grade of Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

Dewan.—The pandits are under the District Boards and the Boards fix their pay. The services of the pandits are not pensionable. The whole question of medical relief is being considered by a committee.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao.—There should be a separate committee for considering the question of improving the ayurvedic system, and only those who know that system

of medicine should be members. If no experts are available here, they should be imported and appointed to the committee.

Mr. Aravamudu Iyengar.—I have sent up certain proposals to Government in regard to two courses of training in Ayurveda, the Vaidya course and the Acharya course. Experts from outside may be appointed if they can properly train local men.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao.—Local men may be given suitable scholarships and sent abroad for training.

Reply of Government.—The suggestions that the Ayurvedic system of medicine should be improved and that experts must be brought from outside are noted for consideration along with the scheme for improving the Ayurvedic College.

SUBJECT No. 77.

Organization of the Indigenous Medical Department.

Mr. V. Ramachandra Rao, Chikmagalur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Necessary steps may be taken for the organization of the Indigenous Medical Department.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 76.

SUBJECT No. 78.

Revision of the pay of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

Messrs. B. Srinivasiengar, Hutcheerappa and Dhalappa, Anekal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The pay of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons may be revised so that officers of the last grade may be started on Rs. 50.

Dewan.—The Medical Department has been recently re-organized. We have to wait and see how the new arrangements work. The scale of pay of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons has been raised to Rs. 45 rising to Rs. 90.

SUBJECT No. 79.

(1) Encouragement to Medical Graduates.
(1) Opening of more vaidyasalas.

Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Owing to the want of adequate encouragement to the Medical Graduates in the service, they cannot be said to take as much interest as they might in rendering medical help to the public. The death-rate is increasing in these days owing to the prevalence of contagious diseases never before known. In order to induce medical men to pay particular attention to and exert themselves in the maintenance of public health and minimising the number of deaths, their number may be increased with the enhanced pay allowed in other Governments to similar men and one of such men located at the headquarters of each taluk with power to supervise the Local Fund Dispensaries and Hindu and Unani Vaidyasalas in the taluk. These institutions may also be opened in large numbers and placed under efficient men with sufficient encouragement.

Reply of Government.—The scale of pay of medical graduates has been recently raised from Rs. 60 to Rs. 80. Nothing further can be done at present.